

**DMPC Decision – PCD 1361**

**Title: Home Office Grant Funding – National Development Team (NDT)**

**Executive Summary:**

This paper seeks approval to accept Home Office grant funding of £379,675 for each of the three financial years 2022/23 – 2024/25 in respect of the National Policing Coordination Centre (NPoCC) National Development Team (NDT) function, part of the Strategic Intelligence and Briefing team. There is no financial exposure to MOPAC.

**Recommendation:**

The Deputy Mayor for Policing and Crime is recommended to:

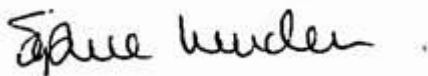
1. Approve MOPAC entering into a grant agreement with the Home Office, on behalf of the NPoCC Strategic Intelligence and Briefing team to receive up to £379,675 for three financial years – 2022/23-2024/25.

**Deputy Mayor for Policing and Crime**

I confirm I have considered whether or not I have any personal or prejudicial interest in this matter and take the proposed decision in compliance with the Code of Conduct. Any such interests are recorded below.

The above request has my approval.

**Signature**



**Date**

**16/02/2023**

## **PART I - NON-CONFIDENTIAL FACTS AND ADVICE TO THE DMPC**

### **1. Introduction and background**

- 1.1. The National Police Coordination Centre (NPoCC) developed a proof of concept to provide an intelligence development capability that can identify opportunities to disrupt criminality associated to Strategic Protest. The National Police Chiefs' Council (NPCC) has funded the ongoing financial support for the initial team.

### **2. Issues for consideration**

- 2.1. The Home Office has made an offer of grant funding for the three financial years 2022/23-2024/25 of £379,675 p.a. to expand the team, doubling it in size.
- 2.2. The role of the team is to assess and develop intelligence in relation to individuals and groups that present a higher level of threat, harm and risk to UK forces in relation to strategic protest and public safety.

### **3. Financial Comments**

- 3.1. The NPoCC have assured that the estimated costs of the expanded team will be fully funded from the HO grant, and if there are any additional costs these will be met by the NPoCC operating budgets or NPoCC reserves. There is no financial exposure for MOPAC.

### **4. Legal Comments**

- 4.1. This grant will be paid to the MOPAC, as the host organisation for the NPoCC, in exercise of the power conferred upon the Secretary of State for the Home Department under Section 57 of the Police Act 1996.
- 4.2. Under paragraph 4.8 of the MOPAC Scheme of Consent and Delegation the DMPC has delegated authority to approve "Bids for grant funding made and all offers made of grant funding; and/or where appropriate a strategy for grant giving".
- 4.3. The grant agreement will be published under the Elected Policing Bodies (Specified Information) Order 2011

### **5. GDPR and Data Privacy**

- 5.1. MOPAC will adhere to the Data Protection Act (DPA) 2018 and ensure that any organisations who are commissioned to do work with or on behalf of MOPAC are fully compliant with the policy and understand their GDPR responsibilities.
- 5.2. The receipt of HO funding does not involve the use of personally identifiable data of members of the public, so there are no GDPR issues to be considered

### **6. Equality Comments**

- 6.1. MOPAC is required to comply with the public sector equality duty set out in section 149(1) of the Equality Act 2010. This requires MOPAC to have due regard to the need to eliminate discrimination, advance equality of opportunity and foster good relations by reference to people with protected characteristics. The protected characteristics are: age, disability, gender reassignment, marriage and civil partnership, pregnancy and maternity, race, religion or belief, sex and sexual orientation.
- 6.2. There are no equality implications arising from acceptance of this grant funding.

**7. Background/supporting papers**

- Appendix 1 NPoCC report - NPoCC SIB: National Development Team

**Public access to information**

Information in this form (Part 1) is subject to the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA) and will be made available on the MOPAC website following approval.

If immediate publication risks compromising the implementation of the decision it can be deferred until a specific date. Deferral periods should be kept to the shortest length strictly necessary.

**Part 1 Deferral:**

Is the publication of Part 1 of this approval to be deferred? NO

If yes, for what reason:

Until what date:

**Part 2 Confidentiality:** Only the facts or advice considered as likely to be exempt from disclosure under the FOIA should be in the separate Part 2 form, together with the legal rationale for non-publication.

Is there a **Part 2** form –NO

**ORIGINATING OFFICER DECLARATION**

*Tick to confirm statement (✓)*

**Financial Advice:**

The Strategic Finance and Resource Management Team has been consulted on this proposal.

✓

**Legal Advice:**

The MPS legal team has been consulted on the proposal.

✓

**Equalities Advice:**

Equality and diversity issues are covered in the body of the report.

✓

**Commercial Issues**

Commercial issues are not applicable.

✓

**GDPR/Data Privacy**

GDPR compliance issues are covered in the body of the report.

✓

**Drafting Officer**

Alex Anderson has drafted this report in accordance with MOPAC procedures.

✓

**Director/Head of Service:**

The interim MOPAC Chief Finance Officer and Director of Corporate Services has reviewed the request and is satisfied it is correct and consistent with the MOPAC's plans and priorities.

✓

**Chief Executive Officer**

I have been consulted about the proposal and confirm that financial, legal and equalities advice has been taken into account in the preparation of this report. I am satisfied that this is an appropriate request to be submitted to the Deputy Mayor for Policing and Crime.

**Signature**

**Date 08/02/2023**

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**NPoCC SIB: National Development Team**  
**Grant Funding to MOPAC obo National Police Co-ordination Centre – Strategic Intelligence and Briefing – National Development Team**

*EXECUTIVE SUMMARY*

MOPAC approval is sought to accept Grant Funding from the Home Office in support of the National Development Team.

The Strategic Intelligence and Briefing (SIB) Team operates with the business framework of the National Police Operations and Coordination Centre (NPoCC). The primary role of the unit is to support UK policing and key partners in both the public and private industry sector. SIB seeks to coordinate and deliver the sharing of information, best practice and intelligence in relation to public order and public safety policing. The unit has an additional role in reporting to HMG departments who have a direct link to public order and public safety policing. This includes the Home Office, Cabinet Office and the Department for Health & Social Security.

Within SIB's portfolio of teams, the National Development Team's (NDT) role is to assess and develop intelligence in relation to individuals and groups that present a higher level of threat, harm and risk to UK forces in relation to strategic protest and public safety. The team play a critical role in supporting UK forces targeted by aggravated protest, this includes supporting force intelligence collection plans, live operations and subsequent prosecutions.

## **Recommendations**

The Deputy Mayor for Policing and Crime is asked to consider the following:

1. Approve MOPAC entering into a Grant Agreement with the Home Office (HO), on behalf of the NPoCC SIB, to receive annual funding of £379,675 for three financial years (22/23, 23/24 and 24/25)

## **Non-confidential facts and advice to the Deputy Mayor for Policing and Crime**

### **Introduction and background**

2. A proof of concept was initiated in FY 2021-22 for the NDT with key objectives and deliverables. The purpose of the NDT is to provide an Intel development capability that can identify opportunities to disrupt criminality associated to Strategic Protest. Made up of a supervisor and four investigators, the unit is proactive in seeking opportunities whilst also providing a taskable resource to risk owners who seek support for force/regional/national investigations and operations.  
The proof of concept has allowed for resource and support gaps to be identified including the need for additional resources to meet the demand. In current state the resource model can only support one tasking request at a time and has no surge capability at times of significant demand during high impact protest campaigns.
3. Initially, Earmarked reserves were made available to support the proof of concept with the continued financial support sought and provided from contributions via the Chief Constable's Council. The additional Home Office grant funding will allow the expansion of the team increasing capability to double in size, enabling dual deployments across differing areas of thematic risk and during surge at times of need.

### **Financial, Commercial and Procurement Comments**

4. These funds will be managed by Detective Superintendent Darren Mercer as Head of the SIB Team. The funding is expected to be fully utilised in each financial year with no risk of impact on NPoCC operating budgets with sufficient cover available in reserves. Furthermore, there is zero impact to MPS finances as set out in the S22a collaboration agreement which forms the framework for NPoCC's operations.

### **Legal Comments**

5. This grant will be paid to the MOPAC, as the host organisation for NPoCC, in exercise of the power conferred upon the Secretary of State for the Home Department under Section 57 of the Police Act 1996.
6. Under paragraph 4.8 of the MOPAC Scheme of Consent and Delegation the DMPC has delegated authority to approve "Bids for grant funding made and all offers made of grant funding; and/or where appropriate a strategy for grant giving".
7. The Grant Agreement will be published under the Elected Policing Bodies (Specified Information) Order 2011

### **Equality Comments**

8. No issues have been identified relating to equality or diversity. Metropolitan Police Service and their processes are followed in relation to recruitment and promotion of NPoCC staff.

### **Privacy Comments**

9. The receipt of HO funding does not involve the use of personally identifiable data of members of the public, so there are no GDPR issues to be considered.

### **Real Estate Implications**

10. There are no direct implications arising from the receipt of the HO funding. The SIB Team incl. the NDT operates from office space provided by the MPS at Jubilee House Putney in South West London.

### **Environmental Implications**

11. No Impact